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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: LAW OF THE SEA AT NON-ALIGNED
CONFERENCE

1. WE HAVE OBTAINED FROM FRIENDLY EMBASSY COPY OF ADDENDUM TO CONFERENCE DRAFT ACTION PROGRAM FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION DEALING WITH LAW OF SEA. ADDENDUM DEALS WITH EXPLOITATION OF OCEAN RESOURCES IN FOR SOUTH LATITUDES INCLUDING ANTARCTICA. HOWEVER WE UNDERSTAND THAT SRI LANKA HAS NOW DROPPED THIS ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH UNDER STRONG PROTEST FROM ARGENTINA. DESPITE ITS BEING A DEAD LETTER AT THIS CONFERENCE, WE ARE REPORTING IT IN CASE SAME PROPOSAL IS INTRODUCED IN ANOTHER FORUM.
2. TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. DRAFT PARAGRAPH ON THE LAW OF THE SEA (INCLUDING ANTARCTICA) FOR INCLUSION IN THE DRAFT ACTION PROGRAMME FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT ARE AWARE THAT, WHILE EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL TO ENSURE THAT THE WORLD'S RESOURCES, AND IN PARTICULAR ITS MARINE RESOURCES, SHALL NOT BECOME THE SUBJECT OF SELFISH AND IRRESPONSIBLE EXPLOITATION BY THOSE WHO FOR THE TIME BEING POSSESS THE TECHNOLOGY FOR THE PURPOSE, THERE ARE AREAS OF THE PLANET, SUCH AS THOSE SOUTH OF 45 DEGREES S LATITUDE FOR WHICH THE IMPLICATIONS OF THOSE EFFORTS MAY NOT BE CLEAR. CONSEQUENTLY, THEY CALL ON ALL STATES AND THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH RELEVANT RESPONSIBILITIES TO ENSURE (1) THAT EXPLORATION AND CONSERVATION OF THE VAST RESOURCES, BOTH LIVING AND

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NON-LIVING OF SUCH AREAS ARE CARRIED OUT IN SUCH
A MANNER AS TO REFLECT ADEQUATELY THE UNDOUBTED AND
CONTINUING INTEREST OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
IN SUCH AREAS; AND (2) THAT THOSE RESOURCES WILL
BE MADE SUBJECT TO A REGIME OF RATIONAL MANAGEMENT
AND UTILIZATION TO SECURE OPTIMUM BENEFITS FOR MAN-
KIND AS A WHOLE AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROPRIATE GLOBAL
INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. UNQUOTE REED

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